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Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In audit the Manual Training Instructors in aided institutions who have been getting the scale of Rs. 60—4—100 have been allowed only the scale of Rs. 50—2—95, with the result that they are facing a cut of Rs. 10 every month for the last two or three years?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member has given me information. I have already told him that I am not aware of the conditions in the aided schools. So, if he wants to make representation, he can represent to the concerned authorities.

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : As there are a large number of Manual Training Instructors who have not been confirmed for over ten years, will the Government be pleased to see that they are regularised in their present posts if they have got the minimum general qualifications or at least III Form qualification?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Does the hon. Member refer to persons in Government service?

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Yes, Sir.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, if that is the case, I am sure it would be considered by the authorities concerned. If the hon. Member has got any particular instance within his knowledge, he may bring it to the notice of the concerned authorities.

Publication of text-books

* 155 *Q.*—Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN (on behalf of Sri Mohamed Raza Khan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the work of the publication of text-books for the use of elementary and higher elementary school classes for the year 1960–61 has started and, if so, the progress made so far; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to publish text-books for use in high school classes also?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) According to the programme for publication of text-books, the English text-book for Standard V will be published by Government for use in elementary schools in 1960–61. The book has been prepared and approved by the English Sub-Committee of the Text Book Committee and it has been printed in the Government Press.

(*b*) No, Sir.

Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: ஐயா, இந்தப் பாடப் புத்தகங்களைத் தயாரிப்பவர்கள் அரசாங்க உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களா ? அல்லது தனித் துறையில் இருப்பவர்களுக்கும் இதில் வாய்ப்பு உண்டா?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : தனித் துறையில் இருப்பவர்களுக்கும் வாய்ப்பு உண்டு.